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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: Request that Publication of the C.I.G. Weekly Summary  
Be Suspended Pending Completion of the Situation  
Report Series.

1. Proper current intelligence reporting requires that the C.I.G. Daily Summary be supplemented by a periodical in which emergent trends can be regularly presented in perspective with analysis of their causes and probable consequences, as cannot be done in a daily publication. The production of a periodical which meets this requirement cannot be effectively accomplished, however, without the services of a sufficient number of senior analysts whose judgments, in their respective fields, can be accepted as authoritative.

2. To meet the indicated need the C.I.G. Weekly Summary was established by direction of Admiral Souers against the advice of O.R.E. that its establishment was premature inasmuch as the requisite staff of authoritative senior analysts had not been assembled. No such staff is yet available ten months later. That a generally high standard of current intelligence reporting has been maintained in the weekly during the interval has been possible solely through the extraordinary efforts of a very few individuals who have been grievously overburdened in consequence. There is no prospect of the early recruitment of senior analysts in adequate number to relieve this situation. It is neither reasonable nor

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possible to continue the Weekly indefinitely on the existing basis.

3. Recently there has been an observable general decline in the quality of material submitted for the Weekly, presumably in consequence of a diversion of effort into the production of Situation Reports. With our present limited resources it is impossible to perform both of these tasks well. There is a real danger that, through the diffusion of our effort, we shall perform neither of them well. The production of Situation Reports is the less exacting task and therefore better suited to the capabilities of our present personnel.

4. If the Weekly Summary were suspended pending completion of the Situation Report Series, we would be relieved of the strain of attempting a task beyond our actual capabilities and would be enabled to concentrate on the Situation Reports, which would both expedite their completion and improve their quality. Any essential current reporting supplementary to the Daily could be accomplished in the Special Evaluation Series.

5. Maintenance of the Situation Report Series will require less effort than the preparation of the initial reports. On completion of the Series, therefore, there will be occasion to consider whether publication of the Weekly Summary should be resumed and in what form, taking into account:

- a. The existence of the Situation Report Series.
- b. The development of the Special Evaluation Series.
- c. The progress of recruitment meanwhile.

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d. The existing demand, if any, for such a periodical.

6. Since the Weekly Summary was established on the Director's own initiative and no direction has ever been received by C.I.G. with respect to it, there is no necessity to obtain permission to suspend its publication.

7. Recommendation: that the Director authorize suspension of the C.I.G. Weekly Summary pending completion of the Situation Report Series.

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